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## Senator Birkholz: Merit Scholar Bumper Stickers Now Available

LANSING – State Sen. Patty Birkholz, R-Saugatuck Township, today announced that “Proud Parent of a Merit Scholar” bumper stickers are now available to Michigan Merit Award Scholarship winners in the 24th Senate District.

“Earning the Michigan Merit Award Scholarship is an honor that should be recognized,” Senator Birkholz said. “Working hard in school to earn money for a college education or vocational training provides the right message to students on the importance of academic achievement.”

Parents of Merit Scholarship winners who would like to obtain a bumper sticker may contact Sen. Birkholz’s office by calling toll-free 1-888-28-PATTY, or by e-mail at [SenPBirkholz@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:SenPBirkholz@senate.michigan.gov).

Senator Birkholz has been instrumental in Senate Republican efforts to preserve and fully fund the Michigan Merit Award Scholarship Program. The scholarship program has helped more than 140,000 hardworking students make college more affordable since its inception in 2000.

**EDITOR’S NOTE:** A photo of Senator Birkholz and Merit Award recipient Ryan Shannon of Grand Ledge is available at [www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/photowire](http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/photowire).

